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SUBJECT: ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITY IN GULF OF SUEZ

1. WE NOTE THAT RECENT BUSINESS WEEK MAGAZINE STORY (MARCH 21, 1977 ISSUE) IN ISRAELI EXPLORATION ACTIVITY IN GULF OF SUEZ MENTIONS ISRAELI DISCOVERY OF "NON-COMMERCIAL OIL FLOWS AT TWO WELLS SOUTHEAST OF CURRENT DRILLING SITE" (BLOCK 305). IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT AMOCO CONTINUES TO MENTION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH US ITS BELIEF THAT ISRAELIS MADE STRIKE AT AL-TUR IN 1974 AND THAT THE CURRENT DRILLING AT AL-TUR IS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT WORK NOT EXPLORATION. AMOCO BELIEVES THAT ISRAELIS ARE HEADED FOR 35,000 TO 40,000 BPD PRODUCTION IN THE SOUTHERN GULF REGION, ALTHOUGH THEY REFUSE TO GIVE THEIR SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

2. AMOCO, OF COURSE, HAS NO INTEREST IN ANY LAND-BASED OPERATIONS IN SINAI BECAUSE NONE OF ITS AGREEMENT AREAS EXTEND ON LAND. WHAT CONCERNS AMOCO IS THAT MOST ACTIVITY THEY HAVE OBSERVED HAS BEEN VERY CLOSE TO SHORE LINE, INDICATING THAT DRILLING IS TAKING PLACE OUT INTO GULF OF SUEZ STRATA, RIGHTS

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TO WHICH DO, OF COURSE, CONCERN AMOCO.

3. COMMENT. WHILE ABOVE IS BASED PURELY ON INFORMATION FROM AMOCO, AND WE CANNOT CONFIRM IT, IT IS INTERESTING THAT BUSINESS WEEK SHOULD PICK UP SIMILAR STORY. WE DO NOT KNOW IF MINPET IS AWARE OF AMOCO INFO; IF THEY ARE, THEY HAVE NOT COMMUNICATED

ANY EXTRA CONCERN TO US BEYOND THEIR STRONG OBJECTION

TO ANY ISRAELI ACTIVITY IN SINAI OR GULF OF SUEZ.

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